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- 1. WE HAVE REVIEWED VERSION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN REF (A), WHICH WE WOULD PREFER TO DESCRIBE AS AN IMPLEMENTATION MEMORANDUM TO SET FORTH CLEARLY ITS IMPLEMENTING CHARACTER, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DR. SOLAIM.
- 2. TEXT SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS TO REFLECT CONSISTENCY WITH PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN REFTEL (B).
- 3. BEGIN TEXT: PART I. PROJECT PROPOSALS

PROPOSALS FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS WILL BE INITIALLY REVIEWED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION OFFICE WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN JIDDA AND WITH THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES IN BOTH THE SAUDI ARABIAN AND THE US GOVERNMENTS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS. WHEN SUCH CONSULTATION SUGGESTS THAT IT MAY BE FEASIBLE TO PROCEED WITH SUCH A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSAL, A FORMAL REQUEST WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY THE JOINT

COMMISSION OFFICE TO WASHINGTON. THE APPROPRIATE US ACTION AGENCIES (REMAINDER OF PART I REMAINS THE SAME).

PART II. AGREEMENT ON PROJECT PROPOSALS

ONCE A FORMAL PROPOSAL HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, IT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THESAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE JOINT COMMISSION OFFICE IN RIYADH. CONSULTATIONS IN SAUDI ARABIA MAY THEN BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE JOINT COMMISSION OFFICE. END TEXT.

4. IN THE INFORMAL REVIEW PROCESS, THE EMBASSY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO EXPRESS ANY POLITICAL RESERVATIONS IT MIGHT HAVE AS WELL AS ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR OBSERVATIONS ON THE PROJECT'S FEASIBILITY. THE EMBASSY WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ANY ACTIVE PROJECT PROPOSAL WHICH DIFFERED MATERIALLY FROM THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED ORIGINALLY TO WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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